REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, 26-30, 33 and 35 are pending; claims 22, 26-30, 33 and 35 are allowed; and claim 21 is rejected in this application. Claim 21 is cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the Examiner's objection to claims 22, 26-30, 33 and 35, Applicant respectfully traverses the objection and draws the Examiner's attention to the current status of the claims, which includes claims 22, 26, 33 and 35 as independent claims and claims 27-30 being dependent upon claim 26, which is an independent claim. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are in allowable form.

Responsive to the Examiner's rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,771,197 (Ivanto, et al.) in view of U.S. patent No. 4,574,210 (Wieland), Applicant has cancelled claim 21.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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